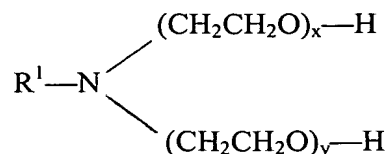


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) An ink for ink-jet recording comprising an anionic self-dispersing ~~type~~ coloring agent, a surfactant having both of a cationic moiety and a nonionic moiety, and water.
2. (Original) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 1, wherein a curve, which represents a change of surface tension of the ink with respect to a concentration of the surfactant, has one inflection point, the curve has a first local maximum point and a second local maximum point on a low concentration side and on a high concentration side of the inflection point respectively, and a concentration of the surfactant contained in the ink is higher than a concentration corresponding to the first local maximum point.
3. (Original) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 2, wherein the cationic moiety is N, and the nonionic moiety is ethylene oxide.
4. (Original) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 2, wherein the surfactant is an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the following general formula (1):



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wherein  $R^1$  represents alkyl group having a number of carbon atoms of 8 to 18, and x and y represent integers which satisfy  $x+y=5$  to 15.

5. (Currently amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 4, wherein ~~the surfactant is ETHOMEEN C/15, and ETHOMEEN C/15~~ x and y represent integers which satisfy  $x + y = 5$ , and an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the formula (1) is contained by not less than 0.25% by weight.

6. (Currently amended) The ink for ink-jet recording according to claim 4, wherein ~~the surfactant is ETHOMEEN S/25, and ETHOMEEN S/25~~ x and y represent integers which satisfy  $x + y = 15$ , and an alkylamine ethylene oxide adduct represented by the formula (1) is contained by not less than 0.15% by weight.

7. (Original) An ink cartridge which accommodates the ink for ink-jet recording as defined in claim 2.